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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ASST SECY ROGERS AND AMB MAILLIARD

1. WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO TAKE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO
TALK PRIVATELY TO FOREIGN MINISTER ABOUT POSSIBLE CUBA
ASPECTS OF THE SAN JOSE MEETING.

2. PLEASE REMIND FOREIGN MINISTER THAT DURING THE PRIVATE
CONVERSATIONS AT THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY WE SAID:

-- UNITED STATES WISHES TO COOPERATE IN FINDING WAYS TO
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AVOID DIVISIONS AMONG US AND THAT CUBA SANCTIONS REMAIN

A SOURCE OF DIVISION IN THE HEMISPHERE.

-- SANCTIONS HAD BEEN IMPOSED FOR GOOD REASONS IN 1964, BUT LATER CAME TO BE A SOURCE OF CONTENTION AND EVEN OF ACCUSATIONS THAT THE U.S. HAD IMPOSED THEM, WHICH WAS NOT THE CASE.

-- AT QUITO, WE TOOK A NEUTRAL STANCE. HAD THERE BEEN 14 VOTES THE UNITED STATES WOULD HAVE ACCEPTED THE DECISION, BUT THE RESOLUTION FAILED TO ACHIEVE THE TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY.

-- BUT CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE CHANGED AND THE RIO TREATY CONFERENCE IN SAN JOSE WILL CERTAINLY APPROVE THE CEESI RECOMMENDATION TO CHANGE THE VOTING REQUIREMENT FROM TWO-THIRDS TO A MAJORITY IN RESPECT OF LIFTING SANCTIONS. IN THE LIGHT OF THIS DEVELOPMENT, MANY HAVE SUGGESTED THAT ONCE A PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENT IS APPROVED WE SHOULD FIND A SOLUTION TO THE SANCTIONS ISSUE THAT ACCOMMODATES THE VARIOUS INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE HEMISPHERE.

3. PLEASE ADD THAT ROGERS HAS JUST TESTIFIED BEFORE THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEES ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND COMMERCE AND ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: ONCE A PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENT IS APPROVED, IT IS LIKELY THERE WILL BE AN EFFORT TO END THE MANDATORY OAS SANCTIONS. AS THE SECRETARY INDICATED AT HOUSTON, THE U.S. STANDS READY TO COOPERATE IN REACHING A GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION. WE ARE CONTINUING OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE OAS ON HOW TO HANDLE THE ISSUE. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE SENTIMENT AMONG THE MEMBER STATES THAT A WAY SHOULD BE FOUND TO IMPLEMENT THE PRINCIPLE OF MAJORITY RULE, WHICH WILL BE IN THE REVISED TREATY, WITH RESPECT TO THE EXISTING MEASURES AGAINST CUBA AND WITHOUT WAITING FOR THE LENGTHY PROCESS OF RATIFICATION TO RUN ITS COURSE. IF THE MEMBERS CAN TRANSLATE THAT VIEW INTO A RESOLUTION, WE CAN ANTICIPATE ACTION AT THE MEETING AT SAN JOSE WHICH WILL FINALLY AND EFFECTIVELY TAKE CUBA OFF THE

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MULTILATERAL AGENDA AND LEAVE EACH NATION FREE TO DECIDE FOR ITSELF WHETHER OR NOT TO CONDUCT TRADE AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CUBA. END QUOTE.

4. PLEASE ASK FOREIGN MINISTER WHETHER HIS GOVERNMENT'S VIEW ON CUBA SANCTIONS REMAINS SUBSTANTIALY AS IT WAS AT QUITO AND WHETHER IT IS PLANNING TO COOPERATE WITH OTHERS IN REACHING AN AGREEMENT IN AN APPROPRIATE FORUM

ON A COMPROMISE FORMULA, PREFERABLY INCORPORATING THE
PRINCIPLE OF FREEDOM OF ACTION, ONCE THE PROTOCOL OF
AMENDMENT HAS BEEN APPROVED AND SIGNED AT SAN JOSE. KISSINGER

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